

# RESPONDING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

## PREVENTION

- Educators engaged with kids throughout the county on the dangers of vaping and substance abuse
- **2,105** students were reached through Public Health substance abuse prevention and education efforts
- **32** sessions of **½ days** where Social Workers were at the Duluth Public Library interacting with children around substance abuse issues

## INTERVENTION

- Met with **111** individuals for DWI Arraignment hearings for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and post screening follow-ups
- More than **60** St. Louis County Maternal Child Health nurses and staff completed one of the four SBIRT trainings offered throughout the county
- Children & Family Services worked with Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors and completed **62** Rule 25 assessments and provided crucial support to individuals with substance use disorders

## HARM REDUCTION

- Naloxone can be administered by law enforcement, fire, medical or civilians to save lives in an overdose
  - **230** overdoses were reported in SLC, where approximately **90%** survived and **10%** were fatal
  - Naloxone was administered to **152** people
- Duluth exchange gave out **1544** Naloxone Kits (2 doses per kit) and the Virginia exchange gave out **141** kits
- **771** people were trained and received kits
- Through grants secured by SLC, Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN) Duluth and Virginia distributed **322,755** syringes and collected **249,646** syringes, greatly increasing community safety

## TREATMENT

- The Pathfinder Program focuses on reducing opioid use and is funded by SLC
  - The Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment had **252** admissions in this program
  - Of that number, the average age was **30**, and **139** were male, **122** female, **16** were pregnant, **8** were court clients and **239** were medicated
- Treatment funding through Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF). If someone doesn't have insurance, this will help pay for treatment
  - **696** cases reviewed for financial assistance
  - **\$1.2M** spent as the county share of the CCDTF

## STRONGER TOGETHER

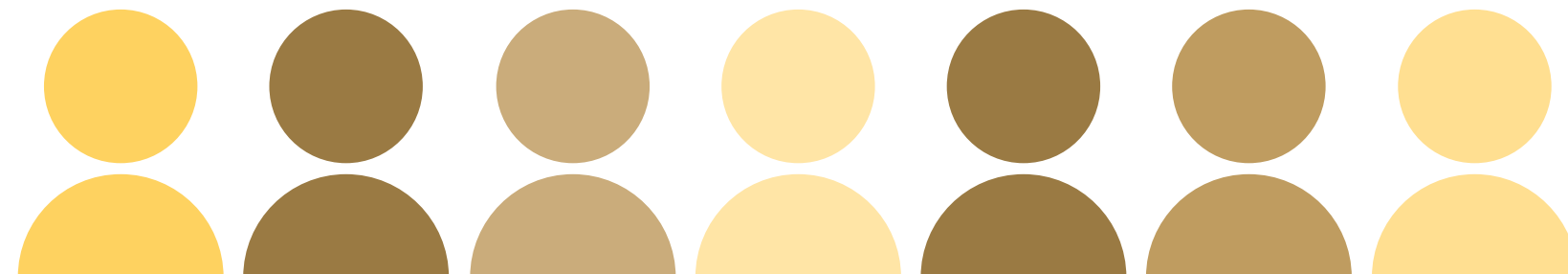
- SLC is dedicated to working with community partners to reduce harm, increase safety and support recovery. Recovery is possible and recovery is happening!
  - SLC facilitates the Northern St. Louis County specific Chemical Abuse Prevention and Education (CAPE) collaborative
  - SLC co-facilitates the county-wide Community Solutions for Substance Use and Recovery (CSSUR) collaborative
  - SLC is a strong partner with the new Recovery Community Organization (RCO), Recovery Alliance Duluth (RAD)

## ENFORCEMENT

- The Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crime Task Force (LSDVCTF) provides comprehensive enforcement of controlled substance laws
  - In **2019**, there were **127** drug related arrests by LSDVCTF
  - In **2019**, they seized the following drugs:
    - Heroin: **2,348** grams
    - Methamphetamine: **11,423** grams
    - Fentanyl: **227** grams
    - Crack Cocaine: **31** grams
    - Powder Cocaine: **555** grams
    - Synthetic Marijuana: **240** grams
    - Marijuana: **15,624** grams
    - Pills: **411** units

# THE LIVES WE TOUCHED

THIS DATA SHARES A PICTURE OF THE LIVES WE'VE TOUCHED IN 2019.



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**DULUTH ..... VIRGINIA**  
**Service centers are conveniently located in four cities throughout our County. Each center provides access to a full range of financial, social and public health services.**  
**HIBBING ..... ELY**

St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services protects promotes and improves the quality of life in St. Louis County through a diverse set of programs, services and initiatives that work at all levels and throughout our community.

Our goal is to help people achieve a better life. We do this by helping people we serve overcome - or make progress despite - the obstacles blocking their paths to self-sufficiency, and by working in partnership to improve the health of our entire community.

# ADULT SERVICES

The Adult Services Division works with approximately 10,000 people each year, 5% of our country's entire population, providing assistance to adults with chemical health issues, those over 65 who need support, adults and children with intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, and mental health issues, and protecting vulnerable adults from abuse, exploitation and neglect.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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- **446** adults and **203** children served through mental health case management
- **342** individuals screened for civil commitment as ordered by the courts resulting in **184** individuals civilly committed for mental illness, chemical dependency or both
- **170** individuals supported through community-based mental health services (ACT and T-ACT)
- **172** individuals supported through intensive case management as part of treatment courts
- **843** rule 25 assessments completed by SLC including correctional settings (361 of which were in jail or NERCC) and in coordination with child protection

### ADULT PROTECTION

- **1,788** reports received for adult protection with **238** cases opened
- **203** people served through guardianship and **102** individuals through rep payee services

## HOME + COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, CHRONIC ILLNESS, BRAIN INJURIES & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- St. Louis County employees triaged **9,593** calls in adult intake
- **1,554** new/initial MnCHOICES assessments were completed to provide access to a variety of services
- **780** people were served with Developmental Disabilities Waivers
- **1,290** people were served with Disability Waivers (CADI, CAC, BI)
- **74** people received Semi-Independent Living Services (SILS)
- **38** children/young adults were helped with a Family Support Grant (FSG)
- **1,158** Corporate Adult Foster Care beds were provided
- **161** Family Adult Foster Care beds were provided
- **410** people served in foster care are from other counties
- **562** MnCHOICES reassessments were completed for other counties
- **662** PCA MnCHOICES reassessments were completed

### AGING AND ELDERLY

- **511** people were served through Elderly Waiver (EW), Alternative Care Waiver (AC) and/or Essential Community Supports (ECS)

## HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- In the Duluth area, the CHUM warming center / drop in area and two additional warming sites hosted **6,173** bed nights.
- In northern St. Louis County, AEOA served 65 individuals over 793 bed nights at hotels used as warming centers.
- To provide emergency, supportive, and transitional housing, St. Louis County applies for and coordinates more than **\$4 million** annually through competitive state and federal funding to support local community organizations.
- Each month, an average of **14,624** housing support payments are issued to providers that reduce and prevent homelessness in our community, totaling **\$6.7 million**.
- There were **844** pre-screens for housing and **783** housing assessments
- **1,281** households in need of housing remained on the coordinated entry wait list

## PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Division works to promote and protect the health of all residents in St. Louis County. Our work is done through assessing the health and environments of individuals and communities, implementing educational programs, conducting research, and recommending policies that promote health.

### SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

- The Chemical Abuse Prevention & Education Coalition hosted a series on substance use and mental health in 2018-2019 in northern SLC. **300+** community members and professionals attended.

### PRENATAL AND YOUNG CHILDREN

- **2,049** monthly participants in Women Infant & Children (WIC) Clinics
- **6,314** contacts with under-immunized children
- **3,486** home visits by Public Health nurses
- **491** mothers completed group parenting sessions

### PROTECTION AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS

- **105** follow-up appointments for acute lead toxicity
- **52** public health nuisance follow-ups

### AGING AND ELDERLY

- **1,117** individuals were served through care coordination in the community or nursing facilities

## ECONOMIC SERVICES & SUPPORTS

Economic Services and Supports (ESS) administer state and federal programs that provide assistance to those in need. This includes medical care, food, cash, child care, child support, and emergency assistance.

**ECONOMIC SERVICES & SUPPORTS PROVIDED JUST OVER \$1M IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO 1,310 HOUSEHOLDS**

## FINANCIAL NEEDS/SAFETY NET

**CHILD CARE 1,137 CHILDREN ACCESSED**  
CHILD CARE WITH CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE  
**WITH OVER \$3M** OF STATE AND FEDERAL MONEY PROVIDED

**CHILD SUPPORT**  
**THIS PROGRAM ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND PROMOTES FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND CHILD WELL-BEING. ESS HANDLED 8,970 CHILD SUPPORT CASES AND COLLECTED \$23.1 MILLION DOLLARS**

**MN FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (MFIP)**  
PROVIDED **\$10.4M**  
SUPPORTING **1,296** INDIVIDUALS SERVED EACH MONTH

**HEALTH CARE 45,253**  
**LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED HEALTH CARE THROUGH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**  
SERVED AN AVERAGE OF **3,215 ADULTS**  
WITH DISABILITIES, HAVE SERIOUS ILLNESS OR OTHER ISSUES LIMITING ABILITY TO WORK, WITH A TOTAL OF **\$5.3M PROVIDED**

**SNAP- SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
EMPLOYEES SERVED AN AVERAGE OF **14,011** PEOPLE EACH MONTH WITH **9,328** HOUSEHOLDS AND A **\$103** AVERAGE BENEFIT; ISSUING A TOTAL OF **\$17.3M**

## CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

In 2019, the Children and Family Services Division worked with nearly 20% of the children in SLC, with the goal of keeping children in their homes and in the care of people with whom they have an existing relationship. They partner with families to provide preventive services, supportive resources, intervention, and, when necessary, placements to ensure safety, permanency and well-being for children.

- **1,852** children were served in voluntary prevention programs
- **203** children were served through mental health case management

### CHILDCARE

- **15** new home family child care providers were licensed, for a total of **184** family child care homes

### CHILD PROTECTION

- **3,965** children were subjects of a screened-in maltreatment report
- **187** children found an alternative permanent home; **105** through transfer of custody to relatives and **82** whose adoptions were finalized
- **486** children entered out of home placement and there was a total of **1,082** children in out of home placement at some point during the year